JAMESTOWN
VIRGINIA

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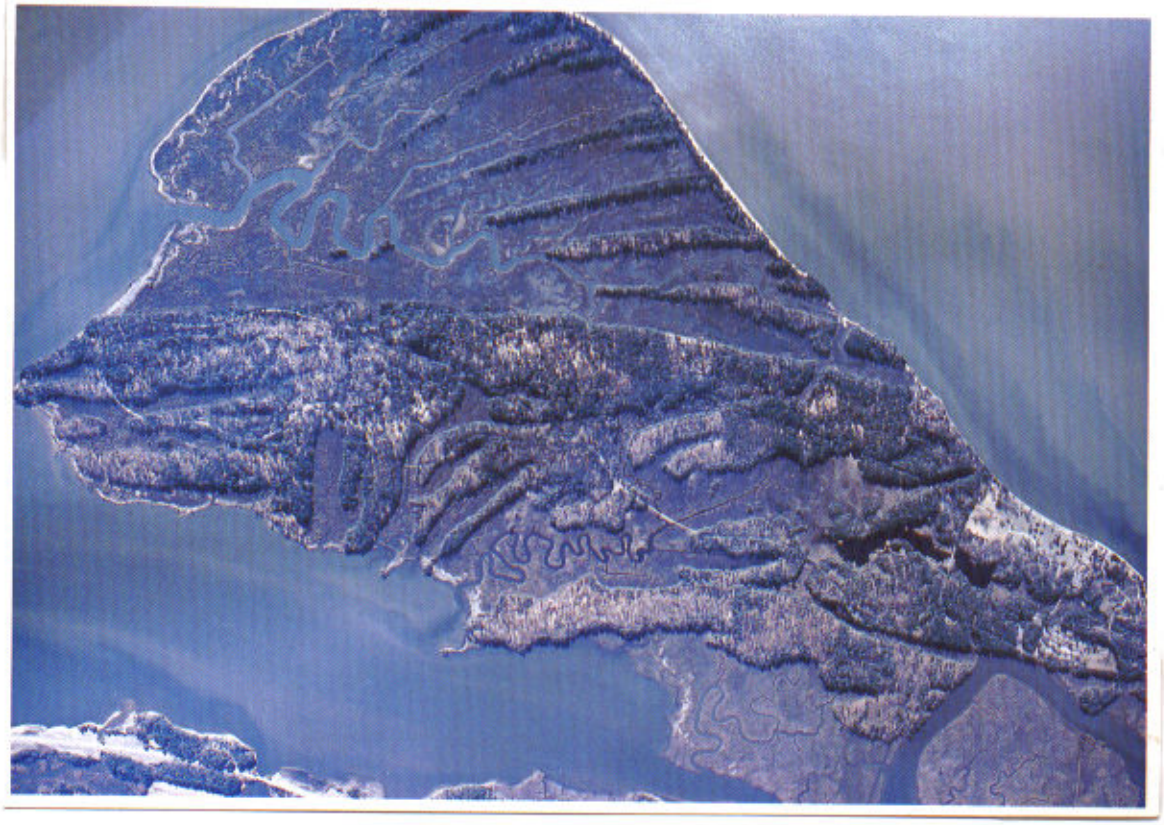

On May 13, 1607 English America began here. Almost four centuries have passed since then, many people thought that the original fort site had eroded into the James River. The Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities acquired 22.5 acres of the island in 1893. The rest of the island came into the possession of the National Park Service in 1934. The current excavations started in 1994 and on September 12, 1996 a global announcement was made on Jamestown Island that the primary site had been located after 2 ½ years of digging.

Plan of the Exhibit

	Introduction	5.0	After 1699
1.0	The Early Years	6.0	1907 Jamestown Exposition
2.0	Captain John Smith	7.0	1907 Issue Usage
3.0	Pocahontas	8.0	The Excavation Site - 1996
4.0	Church Grounds	9.0	Conclusion